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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-8 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been amended.

In item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action the Examiner requests that the title of the invention be changed to more clearly indicate the invention to which the claims are directed. It is respectfully believed that the title is indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. The fact that the title is similar to another US Patent is irrelevant, as there are many US Patents with the similar titles. Therefore, the title of the invention has not been changed.

In item 2 on page 2 of the Office action, claim 5 has been objected to because of the following informalities.

The Examiner suggested to add parentheses to show order of operation. It is respectfully noted that the order of operation is established by the performing the functions of the equations as required by the rules for order of operation.

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Furthermore, the equation follows the specification (equation 8, page 20, line 15). Therefore, the equation in claim 5 is clear. Accordingly, the equation has not been amended to overcome the objection to claim 5 by the Examiner.

In item 3 on page 3 of the Office action claim 6 has been objected to because of the following informalities.

The Examiner stated that for clarity, T should be described as a limiting factor. T is disclosed in the specification. Therefore, the equation in claim 6 is clear. Furthermore, it is recited in dependent 7 that T is a limiting factor. Accordingly, claim 6 has not been amended to overcome the objection to claim 6 by the Examiner.

Should the Examiner find any further objectionable items, counsel would appreciate a telephone call during which the matter may be resolved.

In item 5 on page 3 of the Office action, claim 1 has been rejected as being fully anticipated by Kondo (U.S. Patent No. 6,891,649 B1) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

The rejection has been noted and the claims have been amended in an effort to even more clearly define the invention of the

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instant application. The claims are patentable for the reasons set forth below. Support for the changes is found on page 5, lines 19-22, page 7, lines 22-26, page 11, lines 6-14 and page 19, lines 18-20 (equation 7) of the specification. .

Before discussing the prior art in detail, it is believed that a brief review of the invention as claimed, would be helpful.

Claim 1 calls for, *inter alia*:

performing a first printing process adaptation without maintaining the black build-up for transforming all the color values of the first printing process into transformed color values of the second printing process.

Claim 1 also calls for, *inter alia*:

performing a second printing process adaptation while maintaining the black build-up for transforming all the color values of the first printing process into further transformed color values of the second printing process.

Claim 1 also calls for, *inter alia*:

performing a third printing process adaptation for transforming all the color values of the first printing process into additional transformed color values of the second printing process by performing a weighted averaging of the transformed color values of the first printing process adaptation and of the

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further transformed color values of the second printing process adaptation.

In the last paragraph on page 11 of the Office action the Examiner alleges that "claim 1 does not refer to 'all color values' but rather cites 'the color values' of the first printing process'."

It is respectfully noted that claim 1 has been amended to recite transforming all the color values of the first printing process. Therefore, the above-noted allegation by the Examiner with respect to "all color values", is no longer true.

As seen from the above-given remarks, the reference does not show performing a first printing process adaptation without maintaining the black build-up for transforming all the color values of the first printing process into transformed color values of the second printing process, as recited in claim 1 of the instant application.

As seen from the above-given remarks, the reference does not show performing a second printing process adaptation while maintaining the black build-up for transforming all the color values of the first printing process into further transformed

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color values of the second printing process, as recited in claim 1 of the instant application.

Therefore, the reference does not show performing a third printing process adaptation for transforming all the color values of the first printing process into additional transformed color values of the second printing process by performing a weighted averaging of the transformed color values of the first printing process adaptation and of the further transformed color values of the second printing process adaptation, as recited in claim 1 of the instant application.

In item 8 on page 7 of the Office action, claims 2 and 3 have been rejected as being obvious over Kondo (U.S. Patent No. 6,891,649 B1) in view of Schweid et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,529,291 B1) (hereinafter "Schweid") under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Schweid does not make up for the deficiencies of Kondo. Since claim 1 is allowable, dependent claims 2 and 3 are allowable as well.

It is appreciatively noted from item 9 on page 12 of the Office action that claims 4-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have not

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been amended as indicated by the Examiner, as the claims are believed to be patentable in their existing form.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 1. Claim 1 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and since all of the dependent claims are ultimately dependent on claim 1, they are believed to be patentable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-8 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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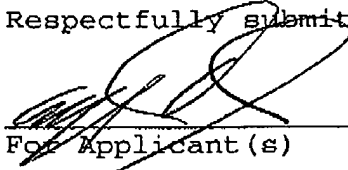
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